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Applicant(s): Bernhard FLECKENSTEIN *et al.* Confirmation No.: 4939

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Examiner: Sumesh Kaushal

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Title: VIRAL INTERLEUKIN-6

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
ATTN: Box AF  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conference to expedite this application. As agreed, applicants amend claim 46 as suggested by the Examiner and cancel all other non-allowed claims.

This amendment creates a new independent claim for a total of 7 independent claims. No fee is due in connection with this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 50 and 51 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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